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SMSS BASKETBALL RECAP: THE FINAL SEASON?

By KAREN NANI



Photo by JENN ETZEL

The members of the 2018–2019 St. Mary, Star of the Sea Boys Varsity basketball team may be the last to wear the St. Mary's uniform. The boys finished the regular season with a winning record of 21 wins and only 3 losses and came in first place in the CYO Northern Division. Shown above are the outstanding eighth-graders (top photo, kneeling: l to r): Matthew McGaughan, Jayden Rodgers, Tommy Forliano and Nicholas Baratta. Standing: Assistant Coach Tommy Orzo, James Shaw, Oscar Etzel, Patrick Livingston, Marco Mazzella, Ezra Oquendo, Ryan Whelan and Coach Bill Whelan. Not shown: Assistant Coach Cesar Sosa.

Unless a new moderator and coaches come forward, the almost 100-year-old St. Mary, Star of the Sea basketball program will come to an end in 2019. It's up to residents and parishioners to see that this historic City Island tradition continues.

In his fourth year as moderator of the program, Islander Bill Whelan told *The Current* that St. Mary's basketball will not survive without more support from Island parents and players. "We are at the end of the program due to lack of interest. The remaining players from Bantam third- and fourth-graders and Tyro fifth- and sixth-graders went to play at Our Lady of Assumption (OLA), St. Mary's sister parish in the Bronx."

Problems began four years ago with the closing of St. Mary's school. "We used to be able to field six teams at all levels for boys and girls. A combination of the school closing and the lack of interest in basketball may mean the end. I thank Father Knapp for letting our small program continue these last four years."

If these are the final games, the often victorious St. Mary's program (see article p. 5) finished on a winning note. They fielded only one team during the 2018–2019 season: the Sharks Boys Varsity consisting of 10 eighth-graders and coached by Bill Whelan with help from assistant coaches Tommy Orzo and Cesar Sosa. "The boys wanted to close out the final season on City Island instead of combining forces with our sister parish OLA in Pelham Bay. The program provided these 10 young men from our community a safe environment learning leadership, communication and, most importantly, teamwork," coach Whelan said proudly.

The Sharks Boys Varsity team was made up of eighth-graders Nick Baratta, Oscar Etzel (Lebron), Tommy Forliano, Patrick Livingston, Marco Mazzella, Matthew McGaughan, Ezra Oquendo, Jayden

Rodgers, James Shaw and Ryan Whelan. They achieved an outstanding record of 21 wins and 3 losses in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) North Division, a first-place regular-season finish.

They started the season strong with two straight victories but then had their first real test against Mount Carmel. They were trailing all of the game and were down by six points with two minutes to play. They tied it up as time ran out and then pulled away in overtime with five points scored by Ryan Whelan. It was a great team win; Ryan Whelan and Patrick Livingston provided the offense, and Marco Mazzella, Matt McGaughan and Ezra Oquendo locked down Mount Carmel on defense.

This victory was overshadowed by the fact that Patrick Livingston broke his foot and missed the next eight weeks of the season. Nick Baratta did a great job moving into a starting role, and other bench players also contributed to the next three wins. They headed into the game against St. Barnabas undefeated. The boys played hard, but St. Barnabas handed St. Mary's their first loss of the season with a score of 60 to 48.

The boys rallied and overcame the loss by rattling off five wins in a row, thanks to offensive spark by players Whelan, Mazzella and Oquendo. The rematch at home against St. Barnabas was a sweet victory with a final score of 57 to 49. The trio of Ryan Whelan, Marco Mazzella and Jayden Rodgers accounted for 46 points. This victory would not have been possible without Matt McGaughan's ferocious play on defense, playing one-on-one against St. Barnabas's best player.

The Boys Varsity won the next four games with great team play. Patrick Livingston returned after injury for scrimmage against Xavier with an impressive

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Viacommunity Day, Part 2

By LOIS WAGH



Oyster shells like this used to be commonplace on City Island shores, but they have become scarce in recent years. On Viacommunity Day, Friday, May 10, an oyster replanting project will be launched here in an effort to improve water quality in Long Island Sound and to minimize storm surges.

City Island Alert: Mark your calendars for Friday, May 10, when the second annual Viacommunity Day will take place on City Island. Many volunteers from the media corporation Viacom will be arriving that day to help community volunteers work on projects designed to enhance City Island by helping to preserve and promote our unique nautical history.

The event is being organized by an informal group of community enthusiasts called the City Island Drift, which got its start in April last year on Viacommunity Day and also sponsored the Island-wide tag sale last November. Since then, the Drift's Facebook page has alerted residents to various events taking place on the Island.

The name of the organization comes from a newspaper published here in the late 19th century by Orrin Fordham, the grandson of the Orrin Fordham who started "planting" oysters around City Island in the 1830s to enhance the native oyster population and to create City Island's first important industry. It is no coincidence that an effort to restore the oyster population here is part of the Drift's mission this year.

Viacommunity Day was launched last year when a City Island newcomer, Laurie Vega, approached Maria Caruso over a glass of wine at Bistro SK. "You know," Laurie said, "my company, Viacom, sponsors a yearly volunteer day as part of its corporate social responsibility. I bet we could interest them in working with us here on City Island." Laurie sold the idea to Viacom, and City Island's Viacommunity Day was born.

The City Island Historical Society and Nautical Museum served as the local sponsor of the event, and 60 volunteers, including 30 Viacom employees and 30 Islanders, worked on nine highly visible improvements throughout the Island. The group cleaned the streets and sidewalks; restored or installed plantings; created a mural at P.S. 175; and put enlarged images of the Island's boat-building and sail-making past on the windows of empty storefronts.

This year, the Drift committee will be working with volunteers young and old to continue enhancing the nautical spirit of City Island by launching several new projects.

The most ambitious plan, as announced

in the March issue of *The Current*, is to start a major effort to restore the once-famous oyster population in City Island's waters. The project will be based on the experiences of other groups, including the Billion Oyster Project (billionoysterproject.org), whose goal is to repopulate New York Harbor with oysters for the purpose of removing pollutants, such as nitrogen, and to build oyster reefs that will protect the shoreline against storm surges and flooding. The group will be working with City Island restaurants, yacht clubs, the Nautical Museum and many other City Island organizations to get this project launched, beginning on Viacommunity Day but aiming to continue well into the future.

The idea of repopulating City Island's oyster colonies is not for food; the water around the Island is still not clean enough for that, and in fact most restaurants obtain their supply from commercial oyster farmers. The reason oysters are important today is that they clean the water. "One oyster can clean 50 gallons of water per day," says Paul Mankiewicz, ecologist, president of the Gaia Institute and a City Island resident. Paul has successfully reestablished oyster colonies in other parts of the country, and he is enthusiastic about the Drift's plan: "Can you imagine the impact of replenishing and rebuilding the oyster colonies that had once surrounded City Island. It would be an awesome challenge but a very achievable goal."

Paul will be working with Mike Carew of Captain Mike's Dive Shop on City Island to advise and assist with the mapping of the oyster beds. Mike took his first dive to survey the waters around City Island in the middle of March (see photos page 17). "The conditions are good," he said after the dive, "and there is plenty of other sea life in the waters to make this project a success."

Project 2 for Viacommunity Day will be planting and restoring spaces with a nautical twist. Last year's volunteers cleaned and rehabilitated various gardens and added historical images of City Island's famous boats to several storefronts. According to garden committee chair Ellen Murphy, an officer of the Garden Club of City Island: "We will be planting evergreen ground cover in the tree pits on the block between Ford-

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BRIEFLY...

FREE SHREDDING/RAIN BARREL EVENT: On Saturday, March 30, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine, residents of Bronx Community Board 10 are invited to shred up to three 13-gallon bags of paper. The bags must contain only paper, with no binders or clips. The shredding will take place at Zoodohos Peghe Church/Greek American Institute, 3573 Bruckner Boulevard, Bronx, NY 10461. Enter the parking lot at the Bruckner Boulevard entrance, and exit to Willow Lane. Registration is required. Call Community Board 10 at 718-892-1161 or e-mail bx10@cb.nyc.gov. As a reward, you will receive a free rain barrel.

AUNTIE MAME will be visiting City Island, thanks to the City Island Theater Group, which will present Patrick Dennis's play at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 26, Saturday, April 27, Friday, May 3, and Saturday, May 4, and at 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, and Sunday, May 5. All performances will be at Grace Church Hall, 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street. For tickets please e-mail tickets@cityislandtheatergroup.com. Tickets may also be purchased online by visiting our website www.cityislandtheatergroup.com.

ST. MARY'S CLASS OF 1966 will celebrate "When the Class of '66 turns 66" on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Please call Annamarie Reilly Camella at 973-620-9276 for information and a reservation form. Reservations requested by April 1, 2019.

TEMPLE BETH EL'S 85TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER/DANCE at Pelham/Split Rock Golf Course will be held on Saturday, April 6, from 7 to 11 p.m. The temple will honor Arnold Wile, Miracle Minyan founding member and architectural advisor, and Skip and Louise Giacco for their ongoing commitment to our City Island community. The cost is \$85 per person. To make a reservation, e-mail yourshulbythesea@gmail.com.

POCKETBOOK BINGO & RAFFLES EXTRAVAGANZA will be held by the P.S. 175 PTA on Friday, April 5, at the Morris Yacht & Beach Club. Doors open at 6 p.m. A \$55 ticket gets you a delicious buffet dinner, beer/wine/soda, coffee, dessert and one bingo card to play for gorgeous high-end bags from Coach, Michael Kors and more. Also a 50/50 raffle, a Birthday Box board, Teacher Activity Auctions and more. Some lucky person is going to win Park Hopper Passes to Walt Disney World! For tickets, contact PTA Treasurer Nina Doyle at 917-383-6054. Every dollar raised helps fund above-and-beyond programs for P.S. 175.

PROHIBITION TALK AT THE NAUTICAL MUSEUM, by Bronx historian Tom Vasti, is back by popular demand to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the 18th amendment to the U.S. Constitution that was passed in 1919 (and, happily, repealed in 1933). Thanks to our boat-building industry and our multiple drinking establishments, City Island played an important role during this dramatic period in American history. The talk will take place at the City Island Nautical Museum, 190 Fordham Street, on Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m. Admission is \$5; members free. For reservations, e-mail cityislandmuseum.org.



Photo by KAREN NANI

Police officers of the 45th precinct presented a "Build the Block" meeting to discuss neighborhood policing and safety on Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019. City Island shares with Co-op City two Neighborhood Coordination Officers, P.O. Jessica Griesinger (at left) and P.O. Jason Williamson (second from the right), who are assigned to work with the communities on a daily basis in order to learn the neighborhood, its problems and ways in which they can help. The two officers introduced themselves and answered questions from residents, reassuring them that the precinct would respond promptly to their concerns. P.O. Griesinger can be reached at jessica.griesinger@nypd.org; P.O. Williamson can be reached at jason.williamson@nypd.org.

45 BLOTTER

Complaints reported from City Island to the 45th Precinct during February and March 2019. Unfounded complaints are not included in the list.

- 1 - PETIT LARCENY
- 2 - ASSAULT
- 1 - LEAVING THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT
- 3 - HARASSMENT
- 1 - AGGRAVATED HARASSMENT
- 1 - GRAND LARCENY

Police provided details on the following arrests and incidents for the period from Feb. 4 to March 19, 2019.

2/4 - Police from the 45th Precinct arrested an off-Island male, 73, and charged him with petit larceny stemming from an incident that occurred on Jan. 7 on Fordham Street. A male Islander reported that a video monitor was removed from a boiler room of the building without permission.

2/23 - An Island female reported an incident of harassment on Pilot Street at 5:41 p.m. The complainant told police that while she was in her vehicle an unknown person approached and verbally threatened her.

2/24 - On Pilot Street at 5:57 a.m., an Island female told police that an off-Island female had called her cell phone 21 times, causing her to fear for her safety in an act of aggravated harassment.

3/3 - At 7 p.m. on Bowne Street, an unknown vehicle struck a parked Department of Buildings car, causing damage to the rear passenger door and bumper. The unknown driver fled the scene of the accident.

3/3 - An off-Island female reported an incident of harassment by an Island female on King Avenue at 2:58 p.m. The complainant was a supervisor conducting a family visit at the location when the other woman became angry and verbally abusive.

3/6 - On City Island Avenue at 8 p.m., a male Islander told police that another male assaulted him by punching him in the left eye, causing swelling and bruising.

3/11 - At a commercial establishment on City Island Avenue at 3 p.m., a male Islander was a victim of grand larceny. He told police that he put cash on a counter and saw a woman place a pocketbook over the cash. The woman then left the location and the cash was missing.

3/16 - Police from the 45th Precinct arrested an off-Island male, 39, and charged him with assault on City Island Avenue at 9:15 p.m. The defendant allegedly struck an Island male, 34, in the face, causing swelling and pain.



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New Captain at 45th Precinct: A Man for All Boroughs

By KAREN NANI



The new commander of the 45th Precinct, Captain Thomas Fraser, met with *Island Current* editors Karen Nani and Barbara Dolensek on March 11, 2019.

The new commander at the 45th Precinct, Captain Thomas Fraser, has worked or trained in every borough during his 18 years with the New York City Police Department (NYPD). He took over leadership of the Bronx precinct, which includes City Island, Pelham Bay, Co-op City and other east Bronx neighborhoods, in January 2019 following the transfer of Deputy Inspector Carlos Ghonz to the 42nd Precinct in Morrisania.

During an interview with the *Island Current* editors on March 11, 2019, Captain Fraser explained that it's now typical to move NYPD precinct commanders around every two to three years. Although this is his first command position, he has worked in Bronx Narcotics, the 71st Precinct in Brooklyn and the 120th Precinct in Staten Island. He was also part of the police academy class that supported efforts at Ground Zero following the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

A native of New Jersey, the new captain was raised in Washington State and is a Seattle Seahawks fan (sorry, Giants and Jets fans). What drew him to law enforcement? "I worked for a couple of different corporations, and I wanted to find a career with more job satisfaction and where I could make a difference in peoples' lives," he told *The Current*.

Captain Fraser graduated from the FBI National Academy for law enforcement professionals in Virginia. He then spent his first five years in the NYPD as a patrol officer in Staten Island. He was also part of a

NYPD School Safety task force before being promoted to sergeant and then captain.

He now commutes every day from Orange County to the Bronx and is very impressed with the community involvement within the Bronx neighborhoods in his precinct, including City Island. Captain Fraser attended his first City Island Civic Association meeting on Feb. 26 and listened to a number of questions raised by residents.

"I heard the concerns about traffic congestion on City Island. We will do our part to get additional officers to keep traffic moving on holiday and summer weekends," he pledged. He and Officer John Souhrada said that there are more patrol cars out in the sector than ever before.

He discussed the improved utilization of security cameras along City Island Avenue to assist with law enforcement and crime prevention. "We will continue to work on quality of life issues on City Island, including traffic and noise from the food establishments, especially as the warm weather approaches."

Editors from *The Current* praised the efforts of a number of officers under the new captain's command, including Officers Souhrada, Hannah Rahn, Ivette Vargas, Frank Malafrente and the new community police officers Jessica Griesinger and Jason Williamson. All of these officers have specifically supported efforts to improve life on City Island, to prevent crime, to remove graffiti and to provide information for *The Current* blotter.

Welcome aboard, Captain Fraser!

City Island Community Wins a 5K Run

By ROSE RODSTROM



Photos by MATT PANZA

The first annual City Island St. Paddy's Day 5K race was held on March 9, 2019, to benefit the 20th anniversary of the City Island Theater Group (CITG). More than 125 runners of all ages (top photos) took on the race route, which started at Clipper Coffee and Hawkins Park, went over the bridge and back down to the southern end of the Island, with the finish line at the Snug. Organized by Rose Rodstrom, Jackie Ciarletta, Lauren Nye and Jay Langkamp, the event is intended to support community organizations and also to promote physical fitness outdoors on City Island.

More than 125 Lads and Lassies showed up on March 9, 2019, for the first annual City Island St. Paddy's Day 5K to benefit the 20-year anniversary of the City Island Theater Group (CITG). Starting at Clipper Coffee with free coffee (thanks to owner Peter Gennari) and ending at the Snug, with free beer/soda (thanks to Sue Hayes and Donna and Jimmy McGowan), people of all ages came together to go for a walk/run and to enjoy being together on a beautiful sunny day.

People with green hair, Irish kilts and all kinds of fun costumes began filling Clipper Coffee early Saturday morning, registering for the event, buying 5k t-shirts, getting their faces painted and generally getting excited about the run. Event organizers Rose Rodstrom, Jackie Ciarletta and Lauren Nye and CITG board member Jay Langkamp led the group to the Hawkins Park for a pre-race stretch. They thanked everyone for coming out and expressed gratitude for the support of the NYPD, Boy Scout Troop 211 and Complexions of City Island, Bistro SK, Club Fit City Island, the CITG and Artie's Restaurant for generously donating the raffle prizes.

The race route started at the park, went over the bridge and back and then down to the southern end of the Island and back to the Snug.

First place went to Islander Danny

Masterson, who completed the circuit in a little over 23 minutes; second place went to William Rueger. The fastest youth was 10-year-old Joe Penny, for whom this was his second 5K. People of ages from one month to 90 years, hailing from Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens, Westchester County, Long Island and even Delaware, came out to join in the fun.

The organizers started this endeavor last Thanksgiving (in 19-degree weather) with a 5K "Turkey Trot" to benefit the City Island Community Center; more than 50 people came out and \$600 was raised. The second run was on New Year's Day; 80 people came out and raised over \$800 for Boy Scout Troop 211.

The idea behind the event is to gather people together to support the Island's community organizations and also to promote physical fitness and the great outdoors. This event raised over \$1,500 for the CITG, thanks to the generous donations of the participants, but more than that, the event raised an old-fashioned sense of community to young and old.

The next 5K will take place Saturday, May 25, on Memorial Day weekend. More details will be in the May issue of *The Island Current* but please mark your calendars now. For more information or a photograph, e-mail cityislandroadies@gmail.com, and soon you'll find information on Facebook under City Island Roadies.

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Editorial

The enthusiastic turnout for the 5K run that took place on Saturday, March 9, was a positive sign that residents of all ages are committed to the City Island community. However, there are other signs that are not so encouraging: the PTA is having trouble getting parents involved in the school and the basketball program at St. Mary's is coming to an end after nearly 100 years because of lack of interest from both kids and their parents.

National studies indicate that volunteerism has increased considerably among young people, especially those between the ages of 18 and 24, and in spite of political divisiveness in the country as a whole, young people are coming forward to protest, to vote, to work for the politicians they support. This should be good news for older citizens, who shoulder most of the volunteer activities on City Island and are looking for ways to involve the younger generations.

The return of Viacomunity Day on May 10 heralds another opportunity for all age groups on City Island to join forces and improve the quality of life here. Little League is about to start, with the support of Island organizations and business, as well as parents. The community service programs sponsored by schools can help, along with the scout troops.

But there is much more that can be done. Many residents here appear to have little or no interest in the community. Those of us who care about this issue might take a moment to ask a neighbor to help out with a community project. Those who have talents in areas as diverse as gardening and political activism should be encouraged to step up and share with the rest of us.

It is often said that City Island is a small town in a big city, and this is true to a large extent. We have a relatively small population, and we need to speak up if we are to be heard by our elected officials. If we sit back and explain that our jobs, our families, and our personal interests keep us too busy to get involved, we may lose what has made City Island so special over the years. We no longer have a boat-building and sail-making industry here, but we still have a very special appeal, not just for those who come to eat at our restaurants but also for those of us who live here.



We welcome letters and opinions. Letters longer than 250 words will be edited, with every effort made to preserve their substance. We reserve the right not to print letters that are copies, libelous, inaccurate or in bad taste, or those that cannot be verified. Include your phone number. Anonymous letters will not be printed, but names will be withheld upon request.

Pilot Cove Traffic Light Petition

To the City Island Community:

For years, Islanders have complained that a traffic safety device is needed at the corner of Pilot Street and City Island Avenue. Now we have a chance to speak up yet again by signing a petition to the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) and New York City Councilman Mark Gjonaj.

The petition, which can be signed at my office at 300 City Island Avenue, reads as follows:

The residents of Pilot Cove Seniors and the City Island community are making another request asking you to recon-

sider the installation of a traffic light or traffic safety measure (stop sign, raised crosswalk or "slow" sign) to be installed at the intersection of City Island Avenue and Pilot Street on City Island. We urge you to add something immediately before any lives are lost or persons injured at this intersection.

Requests have been made in the past but have been denied based on studies by DOT that this intersection is not a busy intersection and does not justify installing a light.

We know that this intersection can become very busy, especially in the early evening and afternoon, because there are numerous facilities in or near that location, including Pilot Cove Manor for senior citizens; Grace Church, which is also the location of the PSS Senior Center and the City Island Theater Group; the Pickwick Terrace apartment building, Scavello's On the Island, and so on. Our seniors have a very hard time crossing this wide street without any traffic measures to help slow down the motor vehicles. Please help our community save lives.

Thank you on behalf of the residents of Pilot Cove seniors and our entire community.

Robert Carmody

Life Change

To the community I love:

After 21 years of owning Personal Touch, Art of Beauty Salon on City Island Avenue, I have made the very difficult decision to sell my business. I did not want my friends and clients to find out "through the grapevine." There are personal factors that have influenced my decision, including family health issues and a change in my passion to pursue and dedicate my time to my real estate business full time.

As you may know, I have been working with Century 21 Marciano while operating the salon since 2006. I have come to the realization that I cannot do it all. I have

decided to follow my passion and love for real estate and dedicate my time to it. I also intend to continue the volunteer work for various charities that I have participated in throughout the years.

I would like to thank my family and friends for helping me with this decision.

In conclusion, if you know anyone that would like to purchase a full-service salon, please let me know. I would prefer to sell it to someone from City Island who shares the Island's rich culture, history and values. Hopefully, they will continue what I started 21 years ago and improve on it to service the community I love. My direct number is 914-497-9021, please feel free to call me.

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St. Mary's Basketball: The End of an Era

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

This year, according to the present moderator of the St. Mary's basketball program, will be the last, largely because of lack of interest and commitment among City Island parents and kids (see article on page 1). All but one of the teams have gone off the Island to play, although the eighth-grade Sharks chose to end their season here.

Many Islanders do not realize that the basketball program at St. Mary's is nearly 100 years old. In 1925, the St. Mary's parish built a new auditorium, also called its community hall, which was attached at the back of the convent, then located facing Minneford Avenue across from the church. It was made clear by the parish that all were welcome to use the hall, regardless of religious affiliation, and it was where St. Mary's Dramatic Society made its debut on the stage overlooking the hall.

In 1931, St. Mary's school was founded, and the classrooms were located in the auditorium, separated by moveable dividers. Clam digger Frank Hoffman remembers that the dividers around the classroom that housed the first and second grades would be removed on Sundays so that the basketball teams could play. In February 1932, the church established the St. Mary's Athletic Association, which included the City Island Football Club, the Blue Jays Boys Club, the City Island Baseball Club, a semi-pro boxing club and the Minneford Basketball Club (see photo).

The first girls' basketball team was formed in 1932 as well and remained a strong part of the program until 2018. In 1978, for example, the star players in the tournament that year were Sue McGowan and Maria and Gina Piri.

Frank Hoffman remembers that the teams were very active during the 1930s, and that after the end of World War II, returning servicemen, including Russell Schaller Sr. and Bob Branizza, formed an old-timer's basketball club, which played after the youngsters had finished their games. Frank

recalls that, being relatively short, he didn't play but volunteered as a timer and scorekeeper and drove young players to away games off the Island. The old-timer's club continued for many years, as players aged out of the boy's teams but couldn't give up their basketball games.

In 1948, the new school was built for St. Mary's after the convent was moved around the corner to Kilroe Street, but the auditorium, now a gym, remained in place and continued to be used for basketball, as well as bingo and other parish events. The City Island News, which was published here during the early 1950s, reported in 1952 that junior and senior basketball players filled the gym every Sunday. Star players included Jerry Healy, Stu Hawkins and Doug Coleman, who was the son of the priest at Grace Episcopal Church and later became priest there himself. The story goes that when Doug Coleman showed up to play, one of the coaches said he couldn't join the team because he wasn't Catholic. Father Edward Nilan, who was a very active supporter of the basketball program, immediately stepped in and said that anyone who lived on City Island and wanted to play was cordially invited to join the program.

For the next few decades, the program continued to attract children from all over the Island, and parents put in many hours every season coaching, organizing, cheering and otherwise keeping the basketball tradition alive and well. According to Roseann Bunyan, who volunteered along with her husband, the program attracted many parents and kids, both boys and girls, and was an important part of growing up here.

When St. Mary's School closed in June 2013, the basketball continued as a parish program. As program coordinator Annamarie Whelan noted in *The Current* that year, the Catholic Youth Organization's mission to give opportunities for young people to be involved in competition to develop physical

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St. Mary's basketball program grew throughout the last half of the 20th century and into the 21st century, often fielding as many as six competitive teams and an intramural program. The St. Mary's teams competed successfully in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) like the 2004 Boys Varsity team (top photo, kneeling): Danny Henning, Michael Jaffe, Bruce Haggerty, Joey Ciarletta and Zack Mirabito. Standing are coach Bob Mirabito, Nick Mastracchio, Chris Fouch, Matt Bollati, Emil Berger, Jimmy Doyle, Paul Saulnier and coach Jim Doyle. Championship banners hang from the ceiling of St. Mary's gym commemorating championship teams including the 2012 Girls Varsity who went undefeated and were Bronx County CYO champions (bottom photo).



Photo courtesy of JOHN FOLEY

The Minneford Club was a social and athletic club of young City Islanders during the 1930s. Pictured here is the basketball team of 1933-34. Seated in front is Francis Fields; first row (l. to r.): Robert Burkhardt, William Tripaldi, Adal Fennel, William Vanderhoff, Benjamin Kettleman; back row: William (Doc) Peterfreund (director of the club), Philip Rowe, Robert Wilson, Vincent Dallesandro, Leonard Kehlffer, Harry Ward, Gerald Knapp, Harrison (Elwin) Nye, Ernest (Knut) Hawkins and Richard Hawkins, coach.



Photo by KATHY KNAPP

After the end of World War II, returning servicemen, including Russell Schaller Sr. and Bob Branizza, formed an old-timer's basketball club, which played after the St. Mary's youngsters had finished their games. The tradition continued for many years. Shown above is the old-timer's game played on March 23, 1980 (kneeling, l. to r.): Russ Schaller, Mort Livingston, Bill Lachman, Don Parfitt, Jack Sullivan, Frank Tragani, George Murphy, Gene Flynn and Tony Ambrosini. Standing are: Charlie De Torres, Stu Hawkins, Howie Fernandes, Bob Branizza, Bill Rosenberger, Bob Lutz, Jack Hartigan, Bill Robinson, Mickey Curtis and Ben Tragani.

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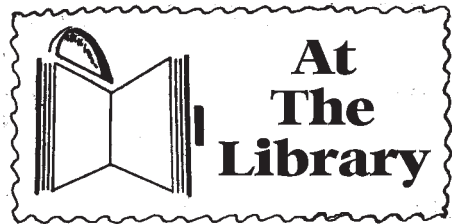
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Helen and Tricia at **Clam Diggers Laundromat**, 323 City Island Avenue, will hold a free Easter Egg hunt for children under 10 years old on Saturday, April 13, at 1 p.m. There will be snacks and refreshments for them, as well as for their parents, with a special appearance by the Easter Bunny! Call: 347-449-7400 to reserve a spot.



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Craft-A-Way: Drop in and participate in creating projects related to a theme or holiday. Ages 2 to 5. Friday, April 19, at 11:30 a.m.

APRIL TEEN AND TWEEN PROGRAMS

The Manga Games: This workshop will have participants create their own characters with back stories and a universe to fight in an unjust society's arena. We will also create a basic gaming system using dice and a homemade scorecard to determine winners. Monday, April 8, at 3 p.m.

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Friday Afternoon Activities: On Fridays, at 3 p.m., we plan a series of special activities to celebrate the beginning of the weekend, so check out this month's events and come hang out with us! April 5: Wii and Board Games; April 12: Blackout Poetry; April 19: Wii and Board Games; April 26: How to Draw Basics.

APRIL ADULT PROGRAMS

Animal Care and Control Adoption Van: Saturday, April 6, at 12 noon.

Creative Aging: Finding Your Wisdom Voice Poetry and Creative Writing Workshop: In this six-week workshop we look at wisdom poetry and writings from ancient times until now, and from around the world, delving into universal truths. Each writer will then explore these truths, while learning how

to write with their own unique wisdom voice. Led by John Maney, a workshop leader certified to lead creative writing workshops with NY Writers Coalition. Monday, April 1, 8, and 15, at 1 p.m.

City Island Calligraphy: Calligraphy is an ancient form of communication and artistic expression that has since taken on a wide variety of styles and functions. Here at the City Island Library, patron and volunteer Regina Sanglier will teach you the basics, and hopefully get you creating your very own works of art. Limited to 10 participants. Saturday, April 13 and 27, at 10:30 a.m.

Mensa Mondays: Doing puzzles has been linked to improved memory, better problem-solving skills, and even lower stress levels. Let us help you work off those Monday blues by providing you with riddles, crosswords, word searches, and number puzzles to train your brain! Every Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

City Island Scrabble Club: If you're looking for some friendly competition, then join our Scrabble Club! Come in

and flex your vocabulary muscles. Note: Limited to 12 participants, registration required. Thursday April 4 and 18, at 1 p.m.

City Island Book Club: Call or stop by the branch for more information. Monday, April 8 and 22, at 5 p.m.

The Island Writers: This is a group for all who are interested in writing professionally or personally. All are welcome, so come join in on the literary fun! Every Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

One-on-One: Computer, Tablet, and Resume Instruction: Stop in, or call to make an appointment for one hour of personalized instruction that addresses your questions and concerns. No computer? No problem! We have computers available for instructional use. Registration required.

Saturday Afternoon Movies: Feature movie titles, varying in length, at 1 p.m.: April 6: “Alpha”; April 13: “Every Day”; April 20: “Crooked House”; April 27: “Dangerous Minds”

Some programs require advance registration, which can be done in person, or by phone. All programs are free!



Bridge Project Ending, Water Main Project Beginning

By BARBARA DOLENSEK

According to Tutor Perini, the contractors for the new City Island Bridge, the project is nearly at a close. The Catherine Scott Promenade has been completed, the “gateway” space at 663 City Island Avenue is being cleared and various vehicles, including a huge crane, have left the Island.

Con Edison is responsible for the various steel plates that are covering holes in the street on both sides of the bridge, presum-

ably related to bringing power to City Island.

The Department of Design and Construction (DDC) will be starting in a few months to install a subaqueous water main that will replace the existing water main now sitting on top of the bridge, where it is likely to remain for at least three or four years. Representatives of DDC will be giving a presentation of the project to the community later this spring.

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Several players from the St. Mary's team were selected as CYO All-Stars (shown above with their coaches): Ryan Whelan, Patrick Livingston, Marco Mazzella, Matthew McGaughan and Ezra Oquendo.

SMSS Basketball Recap

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23-point effort in the win. The next test was public school I.S. 584 from the south Bronx, the second best team in the division. The Sharks pulled out a 58 to 51 victory. The rematch was the next day, and only one referee showed up, putting St. Mary's at a disadvantage. They fell 59 to 53 in only their second loss of the regular season. The final game of the season was versus Mount Carmel for first place. The boys played great in a 58 to 51 victory.

The Sharks won the first round of the CYO playoffs, 50 to 38 versus St. Theresa. Ryan Whelan scored 20 points, Marco Mazzella followed with 16 and Patrick Livingston added 10 points. Unfortunately, the second round of playoff scheduling put St. Mary's at a disadvantage playing Xavier with two starters away on vacation. They went down 18 to 2 in the first quarter. Even though they lost the game 53 to 50, the boys battled back and never gave up.

"It was a great season that I will always remember," Mr. Whelan told *The Current*. Ryan Whelan, Patrick Livingston, Marco Mazzella, Ezra Oquendo and Matthew McGaughan were selected and played in the CYO All-Star game. The Most Improved Player was Ezra Oquendo, who stood out by scoring several three-pointers.

Bill Whelan spent nine years coaching St. Mary's teams and ended up moderating the entire program. He followed in the footsteps of John Livingston, Joey Russo and Jeannie Whelan; Helen and Tom McMahon; Cathy and Frank Cebek; and Annamarie and Bob Whelan, who kept the St. Mary's basketball program going in recent decades. He thanked all the coaches and parents for their dedication to the program and for getting the children to practices twice per week and then to the games.

Mr. Whelan bemoans the demise of the program and worries that City Island kids are too focused on social media and playing video games. He urges parents to get involved with the community and volunteer to keep these programs going (see *Editorial* on p. 4). "The past nine years coaching, starting with intramurals on Saturday mornings to present, were such a rewarding experience. It has always been about spending quality time with my children. These types of programs (CYO basketball and City Island Little League) keep the kids off the street away from drugs that have been plaguing our community and communities across the country."

If you can volunteer or organize others who want to see basketball on City Island continue, contact Mr. Whelan at freewilly721@me.com or speak with Fr. Knapp at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church (718-885-1440).



Photo by MARY MCINTYRE

The cast rehearsing for "Auntie Mame," Patrick Dennis's play, which will be presented by the City Island Theater Group on the last weekend in April and the first weekend in May (l. to r.): Elizabeth Paldino, Susan Rauh, Kenneth Williams, Thomas Losito, Phyllis Lindy, Eileen Sugamelli (kneeling), Karen Andronico and Amanda Livingston Martin, director.



Bartow-Pell Events

Bartow-Pell Mansion Museum, at 895 Shore Road in Pelham Bay Park, is open every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoon from noon to 4 p.m. The gardens will soon be in full bloom and the mansion itself offers guided tours of the Greek Revival interior. Cost: \$8 for adults; \$6 for seniors and students; free for children under 6. For more information, call 718-885-1461, visit the website, www.bpmm.org, or e-mail info@bpmm.org.

First Friday on April 5, 6 to 8 p.m., is kicking off the season with a performance by Island resident and tenor Freddie Lando. Enjoy the music, explore the museum and stroll the garden; light refreshments are available. The free trolley makes an hourly loop starting at 5:25 p.m. from the #6 Pelham Bay Park subway station to Bartow-Pell to City Island. Registration requested. Cost Heritage Members and above: Free; Friend Members: \$5; Not-Yet Members: Adults \$15; Seniors/Students \$10.

Earth Day Geology Project, Sunday, April 7, 11 a.m. Join Museum Educator Robin Vernuccio for an exciting, hands-on workshop for kids ages 7 through 11.

Participants will have the chance to investigate evidence of the changing geology of Pelham Bay Park over thousands of years. After experimenting with different types of rocks, the young geologists will make their own marbled rock and use their new knowledge to create a modern-day map of the landscape to take home. Registration requested. Cost Free.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the one day when it's okay to put all your eggs in one basket! Children 2 through 12 hunt for eggs, enjoy arts and crafts and have photos taken with the Easter Bunny. Please bring your own basket. Tickets online at bpmm.org. Rain date: Sunday, April 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free parking across the street in the Pelham Bay/Split Rock Golf Courses parking lot. Cost Bartow-Pell Member Children: \$10; Not-Yet Members: \$15.

Wendy Warbler Up Close: A Children's Reading and Activity Hour, Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m. Educator Angela Parrino, PhD, owner of Honey Tomes, LLC, a publishing company dedicated to wellness materials for children and adults, will be reading from Courtney Appel-Sadler's book "Wendy Warbler Up Close," illustrated by James Sadler. Children will receive a copy of the book to take home. Registration requested. Cost \$15 per family.

Nobody Likes Hardtack: A Civil War Food Presentation, Sunday, April 28, 3 p.m. Known for his work on the movie "Gettysburg" (1993), "Gods and Generals" (2003) and "Gettysburg: Three Days of Destiny" (2004), as both an actor and a chief historical advisor, performing historian Patrick Falci will discuss what life was like for Civil War soldiers, including their diets. Attendees will have an opportunity to sample some savory and not-so-savory tidbits, including hardtack. Yuck! Cost Free with museum admission.

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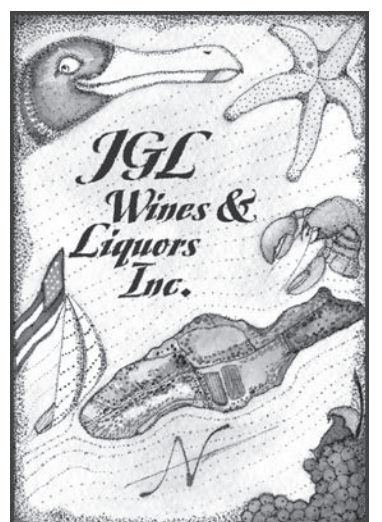
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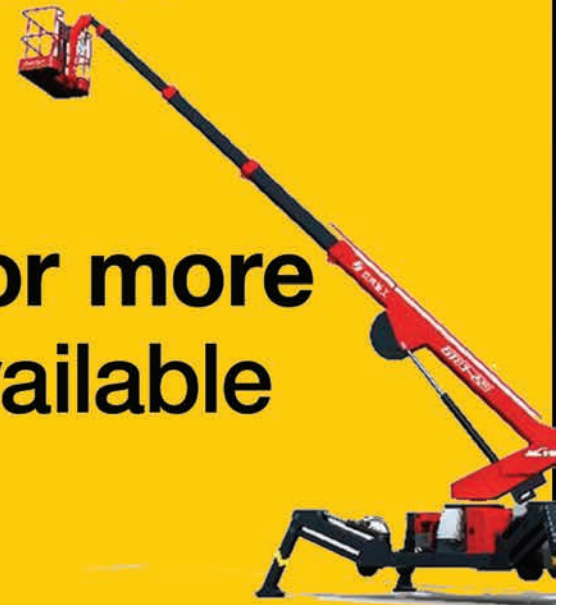
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(Blessing of Palm at all Masses)

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

MONDAY, APRIL 15
FROM 4:00-9:00 P.M.

HOLY THURSDAY-APRIL 18

9:00 A.M.- TENEBRAE (No Morning Mass)
Consists of Psalms and Readings
SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF THE
LORD'S SUPPER - 7:30 P.M.
Procession to Repository
Adoration to 10:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY-APRIL 19

9:00 A.M.-TENEBRAE (No Morning Mass)
Consists of Psalms and Readings
STATIONS OF THE CROSS-12:00 NOON
COMMEMORATION OF THE
PASSION AND DEATH OF JESUS-3:00 P.M.

HOLY SATURDAY-APRIL 20

8:00 A.M. TENEBRAE (No Morning Mass)
Consists of Psalms and Readings
(No 5:15 pm Mass)

SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL-8:00 P.M.
WILL BE HELD AT OUR LADY OF THE
ASSUMPTION CHURCH
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)

EASTER SUNDAY-APRIL 21

Masses- 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A. M.



**A Current Review
Freedomland U.S.A:
The Definitive History**

By KAREN NANI

This new book will jog the memories of those old enough to remember that there was once a theme park where some of the 35 buildings making up Co-Op City now stand. It was called Freedomland, and this fact-filled history will fascinate anyone interested in the story of the doomed attempt to build "Disneyland of the East."

The author, Michael R. Virgintino, is a Bronx native who grew up on Mickle Avenue in the 1950s and "was at the right place at the right time" to experience the building and opening of Freedomland. He explains the original vision for the ambitious project, led by the flamboyant Cornelius Vanderbilt Wood, who was fired by Walt Disney: "Freedomland U.S.A. was different than the conventional amusement parks [like Coney Island and Rye Playland]. It was a theme park that featured the story of America through attractions that included Fort Cavalry, the Chicago Fire, the Civil War, and the Northwest Fur Trapper ride. It even embraced the present and future of space flight."

At the time it opened on Father's Day 1960, Freedomland was the third and largest innovative theme park built across America to mimic Disneyland. It was constructed in the shape of the United States and presented 200 years of American history. The research and design team that created and constructed Freedomland consisted of about 200 leading artists and architects. Many were former Disney employees.

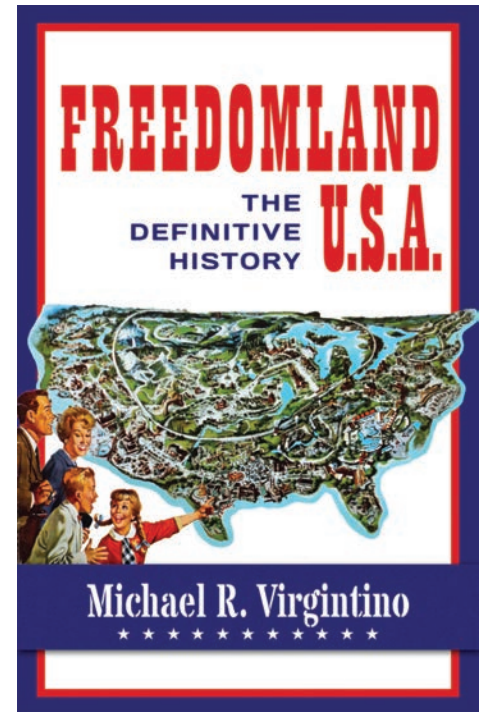
Mr. Virgintino provides a well-researched narrative of the origins of the project, from the birth of theme parks in America (1946 with Santa Claus Land in Indiana) to the history of Eastchester Creek in the Bronx, the eventual site of Freedomland. The park, whose actual address was 2800 Baychester Avenue, covered 205 acres, took 298 days to construct and cost \$65 million, including \$15 million to lease the land.

Of particular interest to City Islanders, the author includes a number of fascinating facts about the relationship between our island and Freedomland. City Island is mentioned first in chapter one on the history of the Bronx. Then, in chapters four, seven and twelve, the author notes the role of Minneford Yacht Yard in the building of boats for the Little Old New York and San Francisco sections of the park and includes some wonderful photographs of the boats.

"The New York Harbor Tug Boats *Totsie* and *Pert* (reportedly named for the wives of two park executives) were built by the nearby City Island Minneford Yacht Yard at a reported cost of \$38,000. . . . The [Northwest Fur Trapper] attraction's [nine] thirty-two-and-one-half-foot fiberglass boats were constructed from a mold and built by the Minneford Yacht Yard . . . for \$38,000. The nine boats (each carried 35 passengers) replicated the bull boats used by the explorers of the Northwest Passage."

City Island's close proximity to the theme park is also mentioned in the Appendix, which notes that "City Island residents could hear the sounds of Freedomland, especially the train whistle. Boys would ride their bicycles and hide them in the bushes by the bridge, and then walk around to the entrance of the park."

I was among the many City Islanders lucky enough to be a kid when the park opened. Although I didn't ride my bike there, I do recall going with my parents and running through the tilt house called Casa Loca (mentioned in chapter 13). The house consisted of optical illusions, where the rooms were tilted one way and you were leaning



the opposite way.

Freedomland also boasted an amazing lineup of entertainers described in chapter 18, including stars like Paul Anka, Jay and the Americans and Louis Armstrong. I remember going with my City Island Girl Scout troop and seeing the hit group The Four Seasons, led by Frankie Valli. It was my first "rock" concert, and we screamed our heads off as The Four Seasons sang "Big Girls Don't Cry" and their other hits.

Freedomland was one of the first theme parks to institute "pay one price," so for \$2.95 in 1961, visitors gained entry to the seven sections and all the attractions within them: Little Old New York: 1850-1900; Chicago: 1871; The Great Plains: 1803-1900; San Francisco: 1906; The Old Southwest: 1890; New Orleans: Mardi Gras; and Satellite City: The Future.

Sadly, Mr. Virgintino notes, "Unlike Disneyland, the story of Freedomland does not have a happily ever after." He devotes several chapters to the inevitable demise of the park, which only lasted five seasons and was "plagued from the start by politics, cost overruns, and financial chicanery. Despite these obstacles, the park prospered—until its big-money backers . . . pulled the plug and cleared the land for lucrative urban development."

That development was Co-op City, which is to this day the largest cooperative housing development in the world. In chapter 27, the author explains: "Six months after Freedomland filed for bankruptcy, the housing project of about 15,000 middle-income cooperative housing units for approximately 40,000 people was announced to the public by Mayor Robert Wagner and Governor Nelson Rockefeller."

This is the second book about Freedomland reviewed by *The Current*. In May 2015, "Freedomland: 1960-1964," by Robert McLaughlin debuted from Arcadia Publishing. This book is part of Arcadia's Images of Modern America series and features many photographs of the park and visitors. Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Virgintino's books are excellent companion reads for a total overview of this extraordinary piece of Bronx history.

Also, in October 2008, Michael Shanley's "Far Side of the Bridge" column in *The Island Current* that month, titled "The Bronx's Answer to Disneyland" was devoted to Freedomland and can be accessed in the Archive Download section of www.theislandcurrent.com.

I enjoyed wondering what the northeast Bronx would be like if Freedomland were still in operation or if any of the themed structures had been preserved. Mr. Virgintino had other Islanders wondering as well after his presentation on Feb. 20, 2019, at the City Island Nautical Museum. Anyone else who wants to wax nostalgic can order "Freedomland U.S.A.: The Definitive History" (published by Theme Park Press) online at the Amazon, eBay, Goodreads and Barnes & Noble websites.

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Current Calendar

APRIL

Fri., April 5, P.S. 175 **Pocketbook Bingo**, sponsored by the PTA, Morris Yacht Club, door open at 6 p.m.

Sat. April 6, **City Island Little League Opening Ceremony**, Ambrosini Field next to P.S. 175, 9:30 a.m.

Sat., April 6, **Spring Fair**, Trinity United Methodist Church, Bay Street and City Island Avenue, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sat., April 6, **Temple Beth-El Gala Dinner Dance**, Pelham/Split Rock Golf Courses, 7 to 11 p.m.

Fri., April 12, **Scout Fundraiser for Trinity United Methodist Church**, 7 p.m., Morris Yacht Club.

Wed. to Sat., April 17 to 20, **Boy Scout Easter Plant Sale**, in front of Trinity Methodist Church, Bay Street and City Island Avenue, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sat., April 27, **POTS Program**, St. Mary's School Yard, Minneford Avenue and Kilroe Street, drop-off between 4:30 and 5 p.m. Menu: meatloaf with vegetable and potatoes.

Tues., April 30, **City Island Civic Association meets**, 7:30 p.m., Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

Holiday Services

Trinity United Methodist Church 113 Bay Street

Saturday, April 6, Spring Fair, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 14: Palm Sunday service, 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 18: Holy Thursday worship service, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19: Good Friday service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 20: Trinity will join St. Mary's morning worship service, 8 a.m.

Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday Sunrise Service at Pelham Cemetery on King Avenue, 6 a.m. Easter Celebrative Worship at Trinity Church, 10 a.m.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church City Island Avenue near the bridge

Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday: Masses at 9 and 11 a.m. Blessing of Palms at all masses.

Monday, April 15: Reconciliation Monday, 4 to 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 18: Tenebrae, 9 a.m., Holy Thursday psalms and readings. Solemn commemoration of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m. Adoration to 10 p.m.

Friday, April 19, Good Friday: Tenebrae, 8 a.m. Stations of the Cross, 12 noon. Commemoration of the Passion and Death of Jesus, 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 20, Holy Saturday: Tenebrae, 8 a.m. Solemn Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. to be held at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

Sunday, April 21, Easter Sunday: Masses at 9 and 11 a.m.

Temple Beth-El 480 City Island Avenue

Saturday, April 6, 85th Anniversary Gala Dinner and Dance at Pelham/Split Rock Golf Courses, 7 to 11 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9: Passover class followed by Shavuot classes, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 20: Passover Second-night Seder, 6 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Church 116 City Island Avenue at Pilot Street

Sunday, April 14, Palm Sunday: The Liturgy of the Palms and Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m. Sunday School presentation of "The Passion of Christ."

Thursday, April 18: Maundy Thursday, Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19: Good Friday service, 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 21: Easter Sunday, Festival and Holy Eucharist, 10 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for children who attend the service.

Garden Club of City Island

The Garden Club's annual beautification fund-raising drive begins this month! Club members will be delivering solicitation letters in April to every local business and Island resident. Your donations are used for the upkeep and seasonal plantings in the planter boxes along City Island Avenue, contracting with CJS Property Care to maintain the tree pits and grassy strips on City Island Avenue, creating holiday wreaths for our public spaces and special beautification projects here on the Island. If you have not donated to the fund before, please consider helping us to beautify City Island. Thank you to those who have made donations in the past; we hope you will continue to support our efforts.

Everyone is invited to our annual luncheon at noon on Thursday, May 16. The luncheon committee has chosen "Daisies are Forever" as this year's theme and has selected the Pelham Bay & Split Rock Golf Club as the venue. The event will begin with a glass of champagne and hors d'oeuvres and continue with a sit-down luncheon of three courses. A special feature of the luncheon is a raffle that includes gift baskets created by Garden Club members, gift certificates donated by our local businesses and special items. The cost is \$60 per person; beverages (wine, beer, soda, tea and coffee), tax and gratuity are included. Reservations may be made by contacting a Garden Club member or calling ViVi McGuire at 718-885-1442. The deadline for reserving is May 9. Please join us!

The Garden Club of City Island meets monthly, except August. Meetings are usually on the first Monday of the month at 10 a.m. at the City Island Yacht Club on Pilot Street. All meetings conclude with home-baked goods and beverages served by our hospitality committee. Our meetings on April 1 and May 6 will be club business meetings, with no special presentation or speaker.

Sharynne Wilder

Temple Beth-El

Temple Beth-El (TBE), "your shul by the sea," 480 City Island Avenue, is a stimulating non-denominational, welcoming place for observance of Jewish traditions. Jewish Renewal is the style of our deeply spiritual, innovative, all-inclusive and open-minded worship. Twice a month Rabbi Shohama Wiener and/or Rabbi David Evan Markus lead services with music by Your Band by the Sea. At other times, services are led by congregants in a joyful, celebratory manner. Events begin promptly, so please arrive 15 minutes early. Services are followed by an oneg* (refreshments). Reminder: for the health and comfort of all, please refrain from wearing perfume or cologne. We look forward to seeing you.

Services take place on Friday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Doors may be locked. Please knock and be patient. Thank you.

April 5: Congregation-led

April 12: Rabbi Shohama; oneg sponsored by Elaine Belasco

April 19: No service; first night of Passover

April 26: Rabbi Shohama and Rabbi David; oneg sponsored by Board of Directors.

Other Activities:

April 6: Temple Beth El's 85th Anniversary Dinner/Dance at Pelham/Split Rock Golf Courses honoring Arnold Wile, Miracle Minyan founding member and architectural advisor, and Skip and Louise Giacco for their ongoing commitment to our City Island community. \$85/person. Details will be on



The Grace Church choir participated in Evensong at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on March 2, 2019. They had a great time learning new music and singing under Kent Tritle's baton; (back row, l. to r.) Sarah Stackpole (guest), John Skinner; (front row): Boo Dennis, Caroline Coppola, Sandy Dunn, Bruce Weis and Karen Nani.

our website, www.yourshulbythesea.org.

April 9: Rabbi David's third of three classes on Passover, followed by three classes on Shavuot.

April 20: Passover second-night seder; \$59 per person.

TBE invites the City Island community to join our yoga class on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., led by Daniella Haney (Patreasha Sat Inder Kaur), a certified instructor in spiritual disciplines of breath and body. Suitable for all persons, ages, body types and experience levels. Dress in loose-fitting clothes; participants can take session on the ground (mats and pillows provided) or sit in a chair. Tea and cookies served afterwards. Suggested free-will offering \$10 per session. RSVP to Daniella at kycnyc@aol.com.

Chesed Committee: If you need a helping hand, a caring call, a ride to the doctor, etc., then let us know. If you have love to give, we need your support. No experience required. To seek support and/or volunteer, please e-mail us at yourshulbythesea@gmail.com.

Prayer Group: TBE has an informal prayer group to hold members, friends and family in prayer for healing. If you feel called to join this group, please e-mail us at yourshulbythesea@gmail.com.

*Oneg sponsorships: Onegs are joyful community celebrations, often sponsored by people commemorating special events to honor others or for their own special occasion (e.g., birthday, anniversary, new job, yahrzeit, memorials, etc.) To sponsor one or to find out more information, please contact Violet Smith at violetsmi@aol.com or 718-885-0978.

For additional information, check out our website at www.yourshulbythesea.org.
Paul Klein

P.S. 175 Parent-Teacher Association

The PTA hopes to see lots of friendly faces at our second annual Pocketbook Bingo & Raffles Extravaganza on Friday, April 5, at the Morris Yacht & Beach Club. A \$55 ticket gets you a delicious buffet dinner, beer/wine/soda, coffee, dessert and one Bingo card to play for gorgeous high-end bags from Coach, Michael Kors and more. Also happening on this fun-filled evening: a 50/50 raffle, a Birthday Box board, Teacher Activity Auctions and more. Some lucky person is going to win Park Hopper Passes to Walt Disney World! For ticket inquiries, contact PTA Treasurer Nina Doyle ASAP at 917-383-6054. Every dollar raised helps fund above-and-beyond programs for our community school.

We hope that parents of current students plan to attend the PTA meeting at the school on Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. sharp. We will be discussing the possibility of adopting a daily uniform policy for the next school year. Looking ahead to May, we will be asking for volunteers to help produce the annual Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. And Executive Board elections are upcoming! Open roles include Co-President and Corresponding and Recording Secretaries. Raise your hand and make a difference at our school.

Jonna Wepler

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 156

The ALA Unit 156 Veteran's Spring Gift Basket Bingo is Friday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the Leonard H. Hawkins Post. Please reserve your place by contacting Vivi McGuire at 718-885-1442 or e-mail reginamurphy8@gmail.com.

Our St. Patrick's Day Dinner was on Sunday, March 17. It was a great success, and we thank all who attended and supported.

Our Children and Youth group will be working with the Girl Scouts on our annual Poppy Poster craft on Saturday, April 6, at 10 a.m. at the Leonard Hawkins Post. All young people are invited to attend. Posters will be displayed on City Island storefronts for the month of May.

On March 15, 1919, the American Legion was born and this year celebrates its 100th birthday as the premier veteran's organization in the United States. Please join us in celebrating and supporting this milestone. Many thanks for your support to our veterans and military families.

Joanne Valletta

St. Mary's Thrift Shop

The shop is open on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will reopen on April 4 with our spring collection featuring many Easter-themed items. Watch out for our end-of-season sales! Happy Easter to all.

Arlene Byrne

REGULAR MEETINGS

Weekly Twelve-Step Meetings on City Island

Narcotics Anonymous:

Fridays at 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church, City Island Avenue near the Bridge.

Thursdays at 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church hall, 113 Bay Street.

Alcoholics Anonymous:

Mondays at 8 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church hall.

Tuesdays at 8 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church.

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church.

Saturdays and Sundays at 7:30 a.m., AA open meetings at City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham Street.

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church: 718-885-1440

Trinity United Methodist Church: 718-885-1218

Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080

Al-Anon

Wednesdays at 7 p.m., 331 City Island Ave, Bronx, NY 10464

Overeaters Anonymous:

Saturdays at 11 a.m., Grace Episcopal Church: 718-885-1080

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For additional information about the Community Center, or if you are interested in conducting classes here please call 718-885-1145.

We are pleased to offer several new programs for young people listed below, some of them free of charge. There is also a Pysanky Eggs workshop on April 28, as well as an exciting Latin Night on June 1 that will be a benefit for the Center. Get your reservations in early.

Remember: membership to the CICC is only \$30 for families and \$20 for individuals. Members are entitled to rent the Center for family events at reasonable rates. To join the Center and for up-to-date information, visit www.cityislandcommunitycenter.org or call 718-885-1145, or like us on Facebook and check FB for any changes in classes.

The Center is run by a volunteer board of directors, who meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the main room of the Community Center at 190 Fordham Street. All members are encouraged to attend this open meeting. We always welcome and really need volunteers and donations.

EVENTS

Pysanky Eggs: Sunday, April 28, 1:30 p.m. Ages 16 and up can learn how to make Ukrainian eggs that can be used for any occasion. Free workshop with materials included. Please RSVP by April 22 by calling Gloria at 917-331-3975.

Latin Night: Saturday, June 1, 7 p.m. Eat delicious Spanish foods, dance salsa, tango and meringue and have a fun-filled evening with friends and neighbors. To reserve a place or for more information, call Eva at 646-954-7410.

NEW

Script and Scribble: Tuesdays, 3:30 to 5 p.m. from April 16 through May 7. An after-school class for young people to explore handwriting in a digital world. Introduction to handwriting, card making, journal creating, with materials provided. To register, text Regina at 269-873-2385 or e-mail rsangler10464@gmail.com. Free of charge.

Art Workshop for Ages 4 through 6: Thursday, April 30, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Have fun creating using the basic elements. Call 914-837-6830 to register for this free class.

Art Classes for Young People: Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m. April 25 through May 23. Studio art class will introduce students ages 10 through 14 to drawing, sketching and painting while studying the natural environment of City Island. Contact Lorraine Cantori at 914-552-5268 or cesardante@optonline.net.

AA Meeting: Saturdays and Sundays, 7:30 a.m. All are welcome.

City Island Knitting Club: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Enjoy knitting with others. Beginners and all levels welcome. For information or to register, contact Dana Caton at 678-591-1846 or cddaton@gmail.com.

Feldenkrais Class: Tuesdays, 6 p.m. Find greater ease of movement, flexibility, relief from pain, relaxation and improved posture. Feldenkrais exercises involve a combination of gentle movements, rest, and self-awareness, which give your brain and body access to helpful information to improve the way your body feels and functions. For information, please contact Julie Kavee at 347-266-6247 or juliekavee@gmail.com.

Introductory Meditation Talk: If you've ever considered meditation or practiced in the past, join Sherry Steel for a free informative class. Call or text Sherry at 718-864-2963 for talks in May.

COMING THIS SUMMER

Kids Kitchen Boot Camp: July, Monday through Friday Young people ages 10 through 14 will create and cook beautiful food. For more information, call Kayisha Thompson 347-481-3292.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Bollywood and Indian Folk Dance: NEW DAY: Friday, 6 p.m. Teens and adults join Lalitha Cosme to explore the dance, energy, movement and culture of India and Indian films. To register or for more information, call 646-269-2033 or e-mail lalithadance@gmail.com.

Irish Dance for Children: Mondays, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Step dancing for all ages taught by Caitlin Nora Kelly. For day and time or information, e-mail caitlin.nora.kelly@gmail.com or call 914-262-4517.

Island Tots: Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Pre-school children get together to socialize, have fun and play. To register or for more information, call Barbara at 917-359-1871.

NEW CLASS. Spanish Classes for Children: Thursdays from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Additional class on Mondays beginning in April. Did you know that NYC's Conversational Spanish program for kids offers classes right here on City Island? Children in grades K through 8 of all skill levels are welcome. Visit espanolexperience.com or call 917-889-4938 for information on both classes.

Introduction to Art Portfolio Prep: For high school prep or just for fun! To enroll, call Geri Smith at 718-885-1503.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Aerobics with Mary: Sundays, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m. Stay strong with cross fit/aerobic strength training. Call Mary Immediato at 718-885-0793. AFA Certified.

City Island Civic Association: Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month (except December). Join your community in action.

City Island Community Supported Agriculture: Register for late spring 2019 weekly delivery of fresh organic fruits and vegetables. To join or for information, contact the new coordinator Jessica Sinclair at 914-625-7440 or jessicasinclair78@gmail.com.

City Island Culinary Club: Mondays, April 8 and 22, at 7 p.m. The theme for April is chopped eggs. Share recipes and have fun with other Islanders who like to cook. For information, call Kenny Selesky at 917-533-7873.

City Island Indivisible: Join other concerned citizens who are supporting progressive action on issues such as health care for all, environmental protection policies, civil rights, women's rights and reproductive health choices, voter rights and public education. We come together to discuss actions, write letters and work together to help find ways to preserve our democratic ideals. For more information and meeting dates, contact Barbara Zahm at 914-882-7963 or cityislandtrg@gmail.com or "Like" City Island Indivisible on Facebook.

Healing Service: Francesca Vitale, RPP, founder and director of the Healing Force, is a board-certified educator and practitioner in polarity/craniosacral/raindrop therapies. Formerly of the NY Open Center, Francesca is an intuitive healer and offers sessions in energy medicine that works to correct energetic imbalances and distortions, which leads to clarity of mind and restored health. Partial proceeds given to CICC. Visit www.thehealingforce.net. For free consultation or to make an appointment, call 914-837-6830.

WW/Weight Watchers Meetings: Tuesdays, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. We are an official WW site with a great new leader, Alex Sokoloff. New members are always welcome at any time. For more information, please call Patty at 914-882-9578.

Yoga with Jo Ann: Wednesdays, 7 to 8:15 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 to 9:15 a.m. Gentle level-one class. Please bring a mat, a strap and, if possible, a yoga blanket. For information, e-mail joannngny@aol.com or call 917-853-4719.

Zumba with Julia and Lettie: Saturdays, 9:30 to 11 a.m. Want to lose those extra pounds and that belly fat? Well, here is your chance. Join this high-energy 90-minute workout with toning. For information, call Julia at 917-601-5514.

Zumba with Lettie: Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. (new time). Lettie's very creative class is a real calorie burner and a blast. For information, call 917-292-4228.

Patty Grondahl

Trinity United Methodist Church

Our weekly worship service and Sunday school are at 10 a.m. Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month. Trinity often has a coffee hour after the service. Come and join us for worship and fellowship. Children's Sunday school takes place during the 10 a.m. service. All children are welcome to attend.

Each weekday morning, we open the Sanctuary from 6:30 to 9 a.m. for people to stop and pray. During that time, we pray for the children, the schools, for families and individuals, for businesses, for those who are grieving, and for the health of any who we have heard are ill. If you would like to have yourself or someone prayed for, we have installed a prayer box on the fence in front of the church on City Island Avenue. Prayer requests can also be sent to david.jolly@nyac-umc.com. All persons matter, and prayer is powerful.

Easter Morning Sunrise Service will be April 21, at 6:10 a.m. in Pelham Cemetery. In the event of rain, the service will take place in Trinity's Fellowship Hall.

The Scout Fundraiser for Trinity UMC is set for April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Morris Yacht Club. Dinner tickets are \$50 each, payable to Boy Scouts of America. Contact Margaret Lenz for tickets at margci@aol.com, or call 718-885-1636.

The Budget Shop is open and bursting at the seams! Stop in and see what is new. Trinity is thankful for City Island's continued support, both in the volunteering of time and in the generosity of the donations.

Rick DeWitt

Grace Episcopal Church

Grace Episcopal Church, a place of worship and fellowship, located at 116 City Island Avenue on the corner of Pilot Street, warmly welcomes you to the following:

Worship Schedule during the month of April: All Sunday services including Lenten Sunday services at 10 a.m. led by Father John Covington. Holy Eucharist Rite I. After the service, we offer coffee hour, a time for refreshments and fellowship. We have birthday and anniversary prayers during the service and healing prayers after the service on the first Sunday of each month.

We welcome you to the following services during Holy Week:

- Palm Sunday, April 14, at 10 a.m. The congregation will gather outside Grace Church for the blessing and procession of the palms. The remainder of the service will take place inside the church. The Passion of Christ to be presented; please see details below.

- Maundy Thursday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with the washing of the feet and the Stripping of the Altar.

- Good Friday, April 19, at 2 p.m. Commemoration of the crucifixion of Jesus and his death at Calvary.

- Easter Sunday Service, April 21, at 10 a.m. Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

There will not be a community Easter Egg Hunt this year due to scheduling conflicts, but there will be an egg hunt for the children of families who attend Easter Sunday Service. Please see details below.

The members of the Sunday School will present "The Passion of Christ" on Palm Sunday, April 14. They will be practicing their different roles during regular class on April 7. Any student (past or present) is invited to participate in this solemn presentation.

On Easter Sunday, April 21, there will be an Easter Egg hunt for the children of families who attend the service. Sunday School meets on the first and third Sundays each month led by Karen Nani. The students range in age from 2 to 12 and newcomers are welcome. No extra time is needed; students will begin the service with the entire congregation at 10 a.m. and then leave with Mrs. Nani for lessons and activities, including arts and crafts, for 30 minutes during the service. They will rejoin the congregation during the exchange of peace.

Music Ministry: The GraceTones are beginning their fourth year! Composed of members of the church choir and singers from on and off City Island, they perform

at area nursing homes and rehabilitation centers. In April, they will take their music ministry to the residents of Throggs Neck Extended Care. If you'd like to sing with the GraceTones, remember that you don't have to sing like an angel, just have the desire to help lift the spirits of those in need. Interested? Please call Sandy Dunn at 917-566-1296 or e-mail accentfix@gmail.com.

Sandy Dunn

AARP Chapter 318

We meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Trinity Methodist Church hall. There will be a regular meeting on April 3. On April 17, we will have a pizza/bingo meeting. In the event of bad weather, members will be notified if we have to cancel the meeting. New members are always welcome.

Carroll Reid

PSS Senior Center

The mission of PSS City Island Center is to provide neighborhood adults 60 and over with the tools to live life to their fullest, keeping them healthy, engaged and connected through innovative programs and classes. We are not your everyday senior center!

The center is located at 116 City Island Avenue and is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. Programs are funded by PSS and the NYC Department for the Aging.

All programs and events are subject to change. To receive our newsletter and calendar of events send your e-mail to pattis@pssusa.org.

Highlights

NEW CLASSES: Mondays at 10 and Thursdays at 1, Mixed Media Art sponsored by Bronx River Art Center, and Mondays at 1, Swing Dance

April 5, Friday, at 1:15 p.m.: Keys to Successful Investing by Anthea Perkinson, CFP

April 11, Thursday, 12:30 p.m.: Nutrition Presentation by Tori from Shop Rite

April 12, Friday, 1:15 p.m.: Advance Directives, Providence Rest

April 19, Friday, 1:15 p.m.: Medication Management

April 22, Monday, 12 noon: Easter Lunch and Best Bonnet Contest

Daily Programming

Mondays:
9:15 a.m. Tai Chi for Arthritis, for all exercise levels

10 a.m. Mixed Media Art
12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Swing Dance

Tuesdays:
9:15 a.m. Cardio Fit: Vigorous aerobic and strength training

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Yoga Stretch

Wednesdays:
10:15 a.m. Arthritis Workshop, exercises for all joints

11 to 12 noon. Blood Pressure Screening, first and third Wednesday of the month

12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m. Calligraphy
1 p.m. Second and fourth Wednesday of the month: Haircuts by Brenda for \$10. Please call to sign up.

Thursdays:
9:15 a.m. Tai Chi for Arthritis, for all exercise levels

10 a.m. Acrylic Painting
12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch
1 p.m.: Mixed Media Art

Fridays:
9:15 a.m. Fit for Life: Vigorous cardio and toning

11:15 a.m. Yoga Stretch
12 noon to 1 p.m. Lunch

We have a social worker who visits every week on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. to answer questions, apply for benefits and help in any other way. Call 718-885-0727 or drop by the Center.

Transportation Services. Off-Island shopping trips leave at 9 a.m. and include Shop Rite, Stop & Shop, Target, Farmer's Market, Trader Joe's, and more. The suggested contri-

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The Best Films of 1989 part II

Continuing the 30th anniversary celebration of *Marsha's Movie Mania*, here is the second batch of the 30 films from 1989 in alphabetical order. Please note that many of these may be requested from the NY Public Library on-line (NYPL.org) for delivery to the City Island Branch; the films were available on line as indicated when this article was written in February 2019.

Lethal Weapon 2 (available on HULU) is a sequel that follows the further adventures of Los Angeles detectives Martin Riggs (Mel Gibson) and Roger Murtaugh (Danny Glover) as they try to uncover a smuggling ring of South African drug dealers hiding behind diplomatic immunity. When the Afrikaner apartheid government of South Africa subsequently orders Los Angeles consul-general Arjen Rudd (Joss Ackland) and security agent Pieter Vorstedt (Derrick O'Connor) to get both detectives off the case, Riggs and Murtaugh are reassigned to protecting the hilarious federal witness Leo Getz (Joe Pesci) a fast-talking con artist. Patsy Kensit is on hand as Riggs's love interest, Rudd's secretary Rika van den Haas, a liberal-minded Afrikaner who despises her boss and his racial philosophy. This is an action-adventure cop-buddy film of the most entertaining kind.

The Little Mermaid (available via the NYPL or for purchase via Amazon) is an animated Walt Disney musical fantasy film, based on the Danish fairy tale of the same name by Hans Christian Andersen (with a happier ending). It tells the story of Ariel, a mermaid princess who dreams of becoming human, especially after she rescues a prince from a shipwreck. The film won two Academy Awards for Best Original Score as well as for Best Song, "Under the Sea." The highly successful film was the first animated fairy tale from Disney Studios in 30 years and signaled the re-establishment of the musical film format as a standard for Disney animated films. It also was the last Disney feature film to use the traditional hand-painted cel method of animation, before moving on to the digital age.

Major League (available via Showtime or rental from Amazon) is a team sports comedy that is literally the major league version of the formula film. When former Las Vegas showgirl Rachel Phelps (Margaret Whitton) inherits the Cleveland Indians baseball team from her deceased husband, she wants attendance at the stadium to fall so much that she can break the contract with the city and move the team to Florida. To this end, she hires a bunch of losers. The individual characters raise this above the ordinary with Wesley Snipes, Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen and Charlie Sheen (as a pitcher called "Wild Thing.")

Set on a small Caribbean island, **The Mighty Quinn** (available via cablevision MGM) is the story of police chief Xavier Quinn (Denzel Washington) who must investigate a murder for which the prime suspect is Maubee (Robert Townsend), a charming local troublemaker and Quinn's childhood friend. As Quinn investigates further, the case proves to be more complex than it appears in this often comic mystery loaded with local color. The film offers an early example of Denzel Washington's onscreen magnetism.

Music Box (DVD available for inexpensive purchase at Amazon) is a dramatic courtroom thriller. When Hungarian-American immigrant Michael J. Laszlo (Armin Mueller-Stahl), an anti-Communist, is threatened with having his U.S. citizenship revoked and being deported to Hungary to stand trial for war crimes, Laszlo insists that it is a case of mistaken identity. His daughter, Ann Talbot (Jessica Lange), a tough Chicago defense attorney, unwisely decides to defend her father in the case, motivated by her son Mikey's (Luke Haas) deep love for his grandfather. The supporting cast includes Frederic Forrest as the U.S. federal prosecutor Jack Burke; James Zagel as Irwin Silver, the presiding judge, who happens to be Jewish;

and Elzbieta Czyzewska as Melinda Zoldan, a woman associated with the criminal organization of which Laszlo is accused of being a member. The film's title is a reference to a pawned music box that contains proof of Laszlo's guilt or innocence.

My Left Foot (film available for rent at Amazon) was one of the most memorable books I ever read as a child. The film is based on the true story of Irish cerebral palsy victim Christy Brown. Paralyzed from birth, Brown (played by Hugh O'Connor as child and Daniel Day-Lewis as an adult) is considered retarded, but his mother (Brenda Fricker) never gives up on him. Despite crippling cerebral palsy, he learns to use his one controllable extremity, his left foot, to become an accomplished artist and writer. Brown, a heavy drinker, was by no means lovable, and this heavy drama may not be to everyone's taste. However, Day-Lewis and Fricker both won Academy Awards for their performances, and the film was nominated for Best Picture, Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay.

In the often hilarious **National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation** (available for purchase from Amazon), Clark Griswold (Chevy Chase) wants to have a perfect family Christmas. He pesters his wife, Ellen (Beverly D'Angelo), and his children, as he tries to make sure everything is perfect. However, things go awry quickly when his hick cousin, Eddie (Randy Quaid), and family show up unplanned and start living in their camper on the Griswold property.

Parenthood (available for rent via Cablevision on-demand or Amazon) is a feel-good yet at times poignant ensemble comedy that tells the story of four suburban siblings and their families over the course of a single summer. Jason Robards is his usual wonderful curmudgeonly self as the family patriarch, Frank Buckman. Hardworking Gil (Steve Martin) and his stay-at-home wife, Karen (Mary Steenburgen), have just a few months to help their oldest son, Kevin (Jasen Fisher), overcome emotional problems to avoid being relegated to special-education classes. Gil's sister, single mother Helen (Dianne Wiest), is trying to raise a moody adolescent son (Leaf Phoenix) and an independent-minded daughter (Martha Plimpton), who is in love with a seeming loser (Keanu Reeves). Gil and Helen's sister, Susan (Harley Jane Kozak), is married to Nathan (Rick Moranis), an incredibly controlling overachiever husband. When long-lost brother Larry (Tom Hulce) shows up with yet another get-rich-quick scheme, he brings with him a surprise addition to the family.

Roger and Me (available for purchase on eBay) is a documentary by Michael Moore about his personal attempt to meet with Roger Smith, the president of General Motors, who closed 11 auto manufacturing plants in Flint, MI, putting 30,000 people out of work. While in reality it was a very tragic situation, Moore's film might actually be called a "docu-comedy." Moore interposes people being evicted from their homes with absurd comments from the city's wealthy residents. Suggestions as to how to survive the lay-offs include becoming an Amway color analyst, working for Taco Bell, donating blood regularly or becoming involved in the manufacture of lint rollers. One industrious woman sold bunny rabbits "for pets or meat." Many auto workers were trained to be prison guards because Flint wound up with the highest crime rate in the country. The county built a new five-story jail, and the day before it opened rented out cells for \$100 to couples who wanted to see what it was like to spend a night in prison. It is one of the most bizarre movies I've ever seen, loaded with black, black humor.

Say Anything . . . (available via STARZ or rental from Amazon) is a classic, first-directorial effort from Cameron Crowe, which takes the form of an intelligent and realistic high school teen love story. John Cusack stars as Lloyd Dobler, a charming but average, recently graduated kickboxer, who is interested in a brainy and beautiful biochemistry student, Diane Court (Ione Skye). Diane is overprotected by her single father, James, (John Mahoney), who is hiding troubling allegations of IRS tax violations. This is the film that contains the iconic image of a boom-box hoisted over Cusack's head playing Peter Gabriel's "In Your Eyes."

Sea of Love (available via rental from Amazon) is a steamy crime drama co-starring Ellen Barkin as Helen Cruger, manager of a shoe store. She becomes the object of affection of Detective Frank Keller (Al Pacino), who meets her while he is on a case. Frank is in charge of the investigation of a serial killer

who shoots his victim in the neck and leaves a record playing "Sea of Love." He partners with Detective Sherman (John Goodman), who is from a district outside Manhattan, when a second victim is killed with the same MO.

Sex, lies, and videotape (available via rental from Amazon) is an American independent drama that tells the story of Graham (James Spader), a troubled man who videotapes women discussing their lives and their sexuality. When he returns to Baton Rouge after a nine-year absence, he has a profound effect on his former college friend, egocentric yuppie lawyer John (Peter Gallagher); John's beautiful but frigid wife, Ann (Andie MacDowell); and Ann's younger sister, Cynthia (Laura San Giacomo), with whom John is having an affair. Writer/director Steven Soderbergh kickstarted the independent film movement of the 1990s with this landmark drama about the tangled relationships between four people and a video camera.

Steel Magnolias (available via rental from Amazon), is the story of a group of women friends who meet at the local beauty salon owned by Truvy (Dolly Parton), with Annelle (Daryl Hannah) as her assistant. The movie begins with M'Lynn (Sally Field) preparing for the wedding of her daughter, Shelby (Julia Roberts), to Jackson (Dylan McDermott). Shelby's father (Tom Skerritt) is busy shooting blanks at birds in the trees so they won't "crap" on the wedding guests, much to the extreme distress of crotchety neighbor Ouiser (Shirley MacLaine), who "has been in a bad mood for 40 years." Other important characters are Clairee (Olympia Dukakis), a rich widow who frequents Truvy's, and Spud (Sam Shepard), Truvy's husband. This moving film is about sadness

being overcome by humor and love.

In **True Believer** (available via rental from Amazon), recent law school graduate Roger Baron (Robert Downey Jr.) comes to work for Eddie Dodd (James Woods), a famous former '60s radical lawyer. Baron is sadly disillusioned to find that Dodd has become a pot-smoking defender of drug dealers and all sorts of low-life characters. However, Baron's idealism catches on when they become involved in an attempt to reopen the case of Shu Kai Kim (Yuji Okumoto), a possibly innocent Korean man convicted of killing a Chinese gang leader. This thriller has an intelligent and sometimes witty script and wonderful acting by its three leads.

When Harry Met Sally (available from the NYPL or via purchase from Amazon) is a study of this question: Can men and women be just friends without sex getting in the way? In 1977, college graduates Harry Burns (Billy Crystal) and Sally Albright (Meg Ryan) share a contentious car ride from Chicago to New York. Ten years later, Harry and Sally meet again at a bookstore and attempt to stay platonic friends in the company of their respective best friends, Jess (Bruno Kirby) and Marie (Carrie Fisher). Also featured in the film are Harley Kozak as Harry's wife, Helen; and Steven Ford as Sally's boyfriend, Joe. This film contains the classic scene in which Sally fakes an orgasm at a diner to prove to him that it can be done, after which another customer (director Rob Reiner's mother, Estelle Reiner) says the now-famous line, "I'll have what she's having."

I hope you'll find some of these old films as enjoyable as I have, and until next time . . . happy viewing.

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For many years, the St. Mary's basketball season was capped off by a dinner held in the school gym where the games were played. The photo above shows the 1990 Girls Junior Varsity team accepting their trophies at the dinner (front row, l. to r.): Michelle Murphy, Katie Delaney, Stacey Livingston, Brandy Chasse, Siobhan Dooley and Dana Conte; (second row) Rita Bivona, Melissa Leni, Christa Lachman, Christine Chasse, Jill Klopfer and coach Jeanne Whelan; (back row): Leslie Villafane, Salha Uriarte, Cathy Bollati, Terry Burck, Christine Panza, Tina Mc Manus and Jillian Fracassi.

End of an Era

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fitness, self-discipline, mental alertness and attitudes of sportsmanship . . . under well organized and properly supervised forms of athletics. She emphasized that CYO athletics is not just about the final score. It's about positive coaching, sportsmanship for children and their parents, learning to live together in a diverse community, maximizing talents, and fostering the physical, intellectual, emotional and spiritual strength in each of us.

However, the current coordinator, Bill Whelan, believes that the closing of the school has definitely affected what appears to be the inevitable demise of the program. He regrets the lack of parents willing to volunteer their time and energy to participate and the lack of interest among the Island's young people, who seem to be more interested in playing video games than actually playing ball. It is also likely that the merging of the parish itself with Our Lady of the Assump-

tion in 2014 pulled interest away from City Island, as the OLA school has an active basketball program in which some of the Island's teams have been participating.

Thankfully, the City Island Little League, founded in 1953, is going strong, but the end of the basketball program here would be a real loss for the community, especially for its young people. Parents who would like to see the program continue are encouraged to speak up and make their voices heard.



Public School 175

There was a lot going on at P.S. 175 in March! Students in all grades worked diligently on their Science Fair projects, which were displayed during Parent-Teacher Conferences on Thursday, March 14. Lower-grade students worked on group projects, and upper-grade students worked on their projects individually and in pairs. Students did a beautiful job preparing their displays, and it was evident that a lot of hard work went into the presentations and that much learning had taken place.

Our students also attended some exciting trips! The kindergarten went bowling and also attended a puppet show, "Caps for Sale," at Queens College; the first grade went to the Apollo Theater to continue the study of the Harlem Renaissance; the fourth grade attended a play at Queens College about how and why immigrants from other countries came to Ellis Island; the fifth grade went to the Morgan Library in Manhattan, where they toured an exhibit of mythical creatures that tied in to their study of traditional literature; and the

seventh grade made its annual journey to Philadelphia, where the students visited many iconic sites, including the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall and the Franklin Institute Science Museum. We also had an exciting in-school event for kindergarten, first-, second- and third-graders, who listened to fabulous stories from visiting storyteller Lou Ann Adams.

Many arts activities are taking place right now. Fifth-grade students and teachers are continuing to work with our drama teacher, Steve Bloom, in preparation for their spring musical production of "Space Pirates," which will culminate in two evening performances in May. In addition, our music teacher, Joan Schwartz, has been working with classes across the grades in a variety of musical genres, and our sixth-graders put on a recorder performance in which they showcased how well they have learned to play this instrument!!

Our phenomenal Parent-Teacher Association is getting ready for its second annual Pocketbook Bingo, to be held at the Morris Yacht Club. Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated parents, I am sure the event will be a tremendous success!

We have also received another City Council Publiccolor grant, which will be used to beautify our schoolyard. Students and teachers will work with our Parent Coordinator, Tina Gisante, on this wonderful project.

Please keep in mind these important dates: Families with children turning five on or before Dec. 31, 2019, who have not already used the online tool to pre-register their children for kindergarten, can come into school to do so now. Please see the NYCDOE website for registration information. The eighth-grade graduation will take place on Friday, June 21, at 9 a.m. The eighth-grade dance will take place the same way from 7 to 10 p.m. The eighth-grade Awards Night Dinner will take place on Wednesday, June 12, at 6 p.m. The kindergarten moving-up ceremony will take place on Thursday, June 20, at 9 a.m. followed by a family celebration in the gym.

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Family Mission Statements: A Plan for You and Your Loved Ones

By JOHN SCARDINA

In his 1998 book "Seven Habits of Highly Effective Families," Stephen R. Covey suggested that families, like businesses and organizations in general, would benefit from mission statements. Having a set of clearly stated values, a family motto and goals for the future gives us a template we can visit every six months or so, change as needed, and use as a way to help each family member "stay on the beam" for healthy relationships.

So, how to begin?

• **Brainstorm a list of family values:**

What's most important? These might be as serious as honesty and integrity or as light-hearted as fun and adventure. Every family member has input; brainstorming means that all ideas are valid and are written down without judgment.

• **Make a list of six to ten core values:**

Take the brainstorm list, consolidate items as possible and decide on a set of core values. This list will be used as a reference when there are disagreements in the family: "Are we really embracing cooperation right now?"

• **Come up with a family motto:** This can be as simple as "The Brown family rocks!" or as specific as "everyone is loving and capable in the Garcia family!" Mottos are catchy shorthand statements for us to rally around. You might even make t-shirts with the motto or post it in your front garden. Why not?

• **Create a list of goals:** This might be a family "bucket list": places to visit, adventures to experience, achievements to complete. Make sure even the youngest child has a say: the goal might be "go to Rye Playland as a family once a year," and that would be fine, as would "make a religious pilgrimage to a shrine from our faith."

• **Design a poster for the Mission**

Statement: "The Ibrahim family values are ... Our motto is ... Our goals are ..." Make it fun. Make a large poster, with many colors and designs. Be creative and think outside the box. Enjoy!

In the end, this is all about intentionality: sensing a purpose for our families and being intentional on how we live our lives together. No mission statement is fully realized every day. It's what we aspire to be. So what are you waiting for?

Organization News

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Contribution for a round trip is \$1 on City Island, \$2.50 for off-Island shopping trips and \$3 for longer off-Island trips. Anyone over 60 is encouraged to take advantage of our door-to-door transportation services. Call Alex at 347-834-6466 for more information and for pickup or trips.

Patty Attis

St. Mary, Star of the Sea

The Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday evening during Lent at 7 p.m.

The Thrift Shop will offer its spring collection on Thursday, April 4. Come and see all our spring bargains!

The holiest week of our church year will begin on April 14, when we begin the commemoration of the sacred mysteries of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord. April 14 is Palm Sunday, when palms will be blessed and distributed at all the Masses. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. we will have the service of Tenebrae, consisting of psalms, readings and chanting of the Lamentations of Jeremiah. The solemn commemoration of the Lord's Supper will take place on Holy Thursday evening at 7:30 p.m., followed by adoration until 10 p.m. On

Good Friday we will have Stations of the Cross at 12 noon. The Solemn Commemoration of the Passion and Death of Jesus will take place at 3 p.m. After a day of waiting and silence on Saturday, the solemn Easter Vigil will take place at 8 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption Church. Joyful Alleluias will continue on Easter Sunday at all our Masses, 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Happy Easter to all!

Rose Dietz

City Island Nautical Museum

Spring is here at last, and we are reopening to the public on Saturday, April 13, after a busy winter spent working on our oral history project, repairing various parts of the museum and, best of all, reinstalling our popular exhibit on the history of City Island boat building. And we have some wonderful new gifts in our shop, including beach and hand towels and more of our popular scarves.

We are grateful to those of you who renewed their membership in the museum for 2019, and for donations that help us stay open. If you haven't yet renewed your membership, please do so. You can send a check made out to the City Island Historical Society and send it to P.O. Box 82, Bronx NY 10464 or go to our website (cityislandmuseum.org) and use PayPal.

Prohibition on City Island will be the subject of a talk by Tom Vasti at the museum on Sunday, April 26, at 2 p.m. For reservations, e-mail info@cityislandmuseum.org.

We are delighted to again be involved with the forthcoming Viacomcommunity Day on Friday, May 10. Last year's event was a great success, and we are delighted that Viacom is renewing the event this year. Projects will

include refurbishing public garden spaces, gathering oyster shells and restaurants for the replanting project and restoring or renewing some of the historic images installed last year. See the Viacom article on page 1 for information on how to volunteer.

Barbara Dolensek

City Island Theater Group

After a hugely successful production of "A Few Good Men," the City Island Theater Group continues its 20th-anniversary celebration by presenting Patrick Dennis's "Auntie Mame." The play is based on Dennis's 1955 run-away bestseller "Auntie Mame: An Irreverent Escapade" and tells the story of Patrick and his best friend, Auntie Mame. When he became an orphan at the age of 10 in October 1928, Patrick was sent to live with Mame in NYC, where he found himself in the crazy world of an eccentric socialite determined to live life to the fullest. From a progressive "clothing discouraged" school to mastering a perfect gin martini, Patrick soon adapts to Auntie Mame's antics, much to the dismay of his trustee, Dwight Babcock.

Amanda Livingston Martin will be directing CITG's production, and the cast includes Karen Andronico, Danny Conover, Connie Delvecchio, Jean Eifert, Penelope Golden, Stefanie Hinck, Gary Kringsman, Phyllis Lindy, Robert Livingston, Chris Manetakis, Jack McGuirk, Kenneth Murphy, Thomas Losito, Elizabeth Paldino, Susan Rauh, Jack Salcito, Brandon Sealey, Michael Sorge, James Staal, Kaitlyn Stoltz, Eileen Sugamelli, Greg Weiss and Thomas Wepler.

Performances will be the last weekend of April and the first weekend of May. Please see *BRIEFLY* on page 2 for more information.

Mary McIntyre

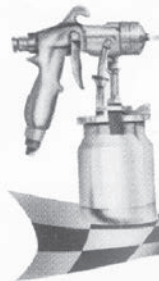
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CIYC Meet-N-Greet

March 20 7:30pm

This informative and friendly evening is all about learning to sail: Lessons, Junior Sailing, Club Boats, US Coast Guard Auxiliary Programs, and City Island Power Squadron.

DIY Boat Maintenance

March 27 7:30pm

Everything you need to know to get your boat ready for the water. Systems checks: battery/electric, engine, bilge, and more.

City Island History

April 10 7:30pm

Local historian Tom Nye will regale the audience with his comprehensive knowledge of City Island, especially its sailing history.

Cruising

April 17 7:30pm

Tips on cruising, anchoring, getting ashore, and not getting lost!

Racing Seminar

April 24 7:30pm

Regatta Chair Tom Delaney explains all of CIYC's races, for all ages and experience!

Speed & Smarts: Sailing Downwind

Sat, March 23 9am-4pm

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Tide chart by Tom Smith

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02 Tue	0500	0.68	1107	7.50	1721	0.55	2324	7.58	Tue 02
03 Wed	0536	0.47	1143	7.51	1752	0.48	2355	7.64	Wed 03
04 Thu	0607	0.29	1210	7.47	1812	0.41			Thu 04
05 Fri	0009	7.70	0628	0.12	1222	7.45	1825	0.31	Fri 06
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07 Sun	0049	8.03	0719	-0.16	1315	7.50	1925	0.17	Sun 07
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05 Sun	0626	-0.17	1216	7.44	1822	0.28			Sun 05



OYSTER PIRATES

We read with interest last month's article in *The Island Current* about the possible rebirth of an oyster industry on City Island. One detail particularly caught our eye. It was the bit about oyster piracy on City Island. In our research, we came across a number of colorful characters, "pirates" some would say, from the so-called oyster wars of Long Island Sound that took place in the mid to late 19th century. These pirates included Augustus G. Merritt and "Lobster Pete" Curran, who were captains aboard the City Island oyster sloops *Katie G* and *Westchester*, respectively. But the most colorful of them all, dare we say piratical, seems to have been one Joshua Leviness, or Captain Josh, as he was sometimes called.

In the final analysis, Captain Josh may not have been the most upstanding City Island citizen but none could argue with his success as an oysterman. A quick check of the real estate records of that time clearly indicate significant holdings on the Island. On the famous Beers map of 1868, for example, the Leviness name appears again and again, including a Leviness Hall between Prospect (now Carroll) Street and Orchard (now Hawkins) Street. There City Islanders frolicked at socials such as the "Grand Fancy Dress and Masquerade Ball" in 1872.

Captain Josh had a way with words, too. In response to a question about the theft of

oysters in Long Island Sound in 1883, he replied smugly, "We don't pretend to allow a great many thieves around here," to the amusement of all in attendance, no doubt. But he was serious. In a case between fellow City Islanders, Captain Josh was accused of stealing the oysters belonging to the estate of the recently deceased Sam Billar. The court hearing the case found for the estate and ordered Captain Josh to pay a \$1,000 fine.

But that was only the beginning for the good captain: on appeal, the judgment was overturned when he was able to prove that the oysters in question were his own, since he had seeded the bed himself 50 years earlier. In another case involving a fellow City Island oysterman, Captain Josh argued—unsuccessfully this time—that existing law did not prevent him from using his steam-powered vessel to harvest artificial beds of oysters. Apparently, the statute he was charged with violating made no reference to steam power and referred only to natural beds of oysters, as opposed to the manmade kind.

Last month's *Current* article alluded to the role that water pollution played in the rise of the oyster pirates. As both natural and artificial beds declined, the competition for the remaining, harvestable oysters intensified. City Island oystermen were forced out of their comfort zone, some venturing farther and farther east into the Sound and others into the Hudson River. We suspect, however, that another part of the problem was with state and local legislatures who deemed traditional oyster-harvesting grounds off limits to outsiders by leasing the rights to seed and harvest those grounds to selected insiders.

Some of author Jack London's earliest fiction explores this very connection between politics and oyster piracy. His setting, however, was the Pacific Ocean and San Francisco Bay, where "wars" were waged for the rights to harvest transplanted Atlantic oysters. If you are interested, check out London's books "John Barleycorn" or "The Cruise of the Dazzler."

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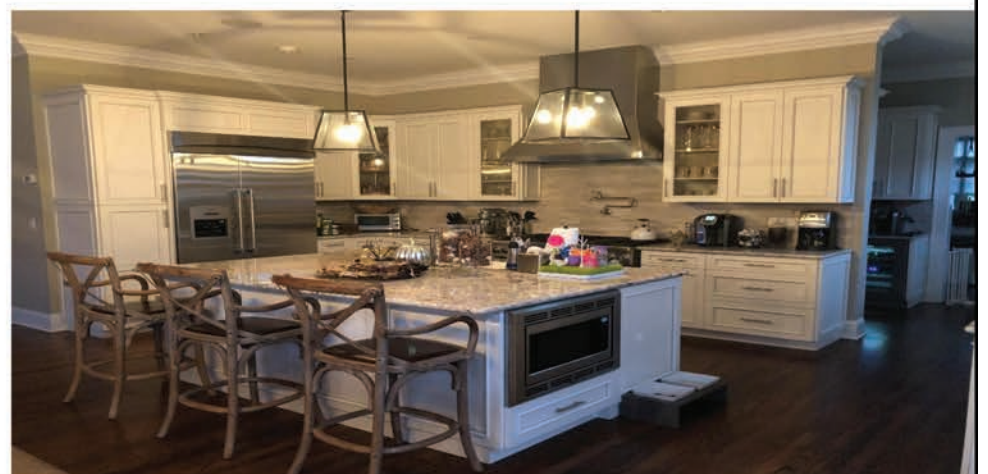
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In The Garden

By MARY COLBY



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Mammoth Russian sunflower

April Thoughts on Useful Plants

After hearing Nancy Kheck expound on bee keeping and bee-loving plants at the Garden Club of City Island, I began to think of other plants that might be grown for their usefulness. For those of us who are lucky enough to have bee hives, it is essential to have plants like lavender, aster and goldenrod that attract pollinators. Lavender promotes restful sleep, and the oil is miraculous for minor burns. Asters contain various properties associated with anti-inflammatory, anti-viral and anti-oxidant activity. Goldenrod was used by Native Americans for colds, coughs and fevers, and it is usually blamed for allergic reactions, though in most cases, goldenrod's relative ragweed is the real culprit.

Opium poppy (*papaver somniferum*) is one of the world's most famous medicinal plants and has been in use since prehistoric times. There is still no synthetic drug for severe pain that can replace morphine. To my mind there is also no flower or seed capsule

more beautiful.

Valerian, the leading over-the-counter sleep aid in Europe is a natural tranquilizer and anti-depressant. The paradox is that it is also a stimulant for fatigue.

It is alarming to note that the Amazon rain forest is being deforested at an estimated rate of 3,000 square miles a year. The Amazon hosts 80,000 plants, and more than half of them keep all of us alive by regulating the global climate. In Western medicine, 25 percent of all drugs are derived from this rain forest! Jair Bolsonaro, the new nationalist and authoritarian president of Brazil, is poised to launch an environmental agenda that will open the rain forest to widespread development. There is only one earth, one planet that supports life. I view this issue as being Number One!

I am amazed at what plants can do, beyond having so much medicinal value. Beta vulgaris, the common sugar beet, removes salt from sea-flooded soil. This is particularly helpful in gardens that get salt spray, which can deaden the earth. I have found that asters will survive salt spray, as will Montauk daises and the fountain grass *Penisetum hameln* also do well with salt.

Canna plants accumulate heavy metals, such as zinc and nickel, and are used in agricultural areas. My own garden is loaded with nickel, and this year I will have a bevy of canna. I don't love the flowers, so I clip them off, which makes their leaves all the more impressive.

Miscanthus giganteus, one of the largest grasses, is widely planted as bio fuel. *Phragmites Australis*, the invasive reed grass that grows along the Hutchinson River Parkway and in our marshy areas, makes the perfect material for thatching rooves. If only we had the technology for this lost art, and the sensibility. Is there anything more charming than a thatched cottage roof, which incidentally can last 40 to 50 years, as long or longer than our asphalt roofs.

The sunflower is a star among useful plants. Besides the seed and the edible oil, it is used in making oil paints. It is capable of accumulating radioactive material in its root, stem and leaves. At Chernobyl, planted in masses to sweep poison out of

the soil. If the sunflower is planted in gold-rich soil, particles can be extracted, making it the cheapest means of gathering gold for electronic conductors. Wow, what a plant! Not to mention that the birds love it and that Van Gogh would have been lost without it.



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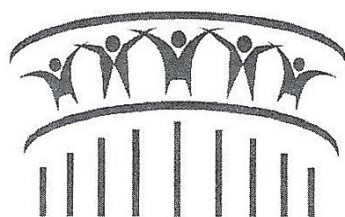
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City Island became "City Ireland" during the days around St. Patrick's Day 2019. The American Legion held a St. Patrick's event for Pilot Cove seniors on Thursday, March 14, at the Legion. About 80 Islanders attended, and Greg Clancy played the bagpipes for them. Greg was called upon to play again at the Legion on Sunday, March 17 (top photo), during one of the many green celebrations throughout the Island. Clam diggers and mussel suckers got their "Irish" on, including Fiona Sky McSherry (bottom photo).



Viacommunity Day 2

Continued from page 1

ham and Hawkins, where the Garden Club recently installed tree guards, and possibly also on the adjacent blocks, where the tree pits have been composted and mulched. We will also be adding some shrubs, perennials and annual color to the garden at Carroll Street that was created last year on Viacomunity Day, and in front of the Post Office. We are grateful to Viacom for their support for these projects." In addition, several new properties have been identified as possible candidates for the installation of enlarged photographs of City Island-built boats.

Islanders of all ages are being encouraged to participate in this year's projects. "We have big and exciting goals this year, and we cannot do it alone," says Maria Caruso, leader of the City Island Drift. "We hope to engage our entire community to work together to keep and preserve City Island's nautical history and to guarantee its nautical future on Viacomunity Day and into the future."

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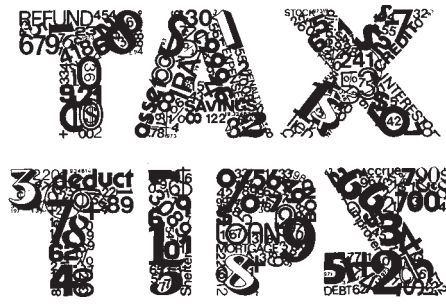
Sarah Anne McDermott

Sarah Anne McDermott, who grew up on City Island, passed away in Manhattan on Feb. 7, 2019, at the age of 75. She was born to Thomas Delmour McDermott and Catherine Fox McDermott on July 5, 1943, and attended St. Mary, Star of the Sea School. After college, she moved to Manhattan.

Sarah was a kind and giving soul who dedicated her life to caring for others as a registered nurse. She sang in the choir at St. Patrick's Cathedral, was a social member of St. Barts and a participating member of the Boomers (a group of older members that organized day trips, visits to museums, attendance at Broadway Shows, and numerous other social activities).

She eventually became a member of St. Vincent Ferrer Church and was very involved with the church's numerous activities including the Visitation Circle, a program she created for single women who had no relatives nearby. The purpose of the program, besides companionship and many social activities, was to provide support to members with medical issues who required assistance with visits to doctors. Sarah was passionate about helping others for which she will always be remembered by those who knew her.

Sarah was predeceased by her brother, Del, and is survived by her sister, Catherine McDermott.



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Loving birthday wishes for a happy anniversary to Kenneth and Elizabeth Farnum on April 20 and also happy birthday wishes to Elizabeth on April 22. Love always, Mom and Deb.

Happy April birthdays to clam diggers Eric Rauhauser, celebrating in Santa Cruz, CA, and Carol Gauss McKenna, who will blow out the candles in Naples, FL. Also, happy birthday to Leah Nani, who will celebrate with her in-laws on King Avenue.

Belated first anniversary wishes to Sharlotte Lawrence-Keegan and her husband, Patrick, who were married in an outdoor ceremony at the home of their landlord here on City Island. Ring bearers were their dogs, Scritch and Scratch!

Congratulations to Dr. Christopher and Erin Hennessy on the birth of their daughter, Margaret Anne, on Jan. 31. Proud grandparents are Pilot Street's Dave and Patti Hennessy. Aunts Cait and Christina and Uncles David and Richard are delighted!

Birthday greetings to the Sailmaker's Judy Iovieno, who will celebrate her big day on April 23, and to her sister-in-law, Bay Street's Maria Swieciki, on April 25.



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Newborn Margaret Anne Hennessy

With love from the Iovieno and Swieciki families.

Get-well wishes to Bay Street's Jean Anderson, who is recuperating from a nasty fall. She wants all her friends and neighbors to know that she is "on the mend" and that she looks forward to seeing everyone very soon!

The Doyle/Butterworth families are celebrating a whole bunch of birthdays this month: David Butterworth (4/30), Mari Doyle (4/14) and Jack Strnad (4/28). Enjoy!

Happy birthday on April 22 to Anne McIntyre and to Peggy Eberhart on April 26.

Maria Swieciki

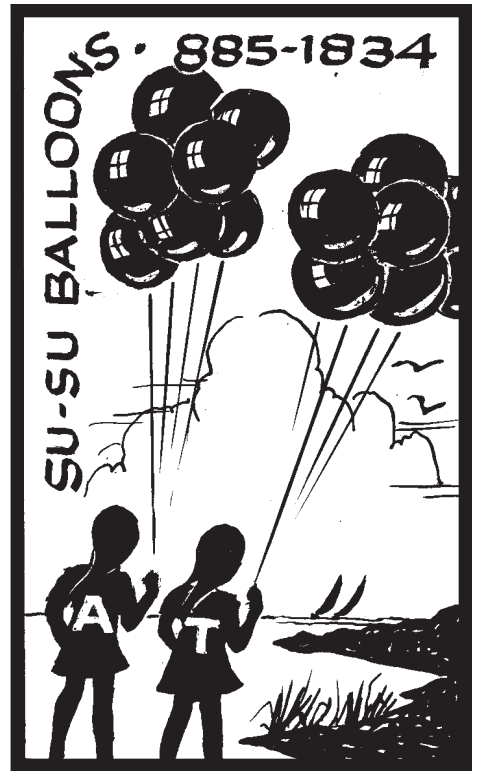


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Bay Street's Lucy Zec (second from left), was surprised by family and friends who came together last month to celebrate her 90th birthday at the Lobster Box Restaurant. She was moved to tears as her children and grandchildren toasted the beloved matriarch of their family.



Patrick Keegan and Sharlotte Lawrence-Keegan celebrated their first anniversary in March. The happy couple is shown above with their puppies, Scritch and Scratch, at their wedding on City Island on March 23, 2018.



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